

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

EDUCATION PRE-K - 12
Senator Wise, Chair
Senator Bullard, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, March 23, 2011**TIME:** 1:00 —3:00 p.m.**PLACE:** 301 Senate Office Building**MEMBERS:** Senator Wise, Chair; Senator Bullard, Vice Chair; Senators Alexander, Benacquisto, and Montford

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
A proposed committee substitute for the following bill (SB 1546) is expected to be considered:			
1	SB 1546 Thrasher	Charter Schools; Revises provisions relating to the sponsoring entities of charter schools. Authorizes state universities and colleges to approve charter school applications and develop charter schools under certain circumstances. Creates the Charter School Review and Appeals Panel. Provides for the designation of charter schools as high-performing if certain requirements are met. Creates the College-Preparatory Boarding Academy Pilot Program for dependent or at-risk students, etc. ED 03/23/2011 Temporarily Postponed HE BC	Temporarily Postponed
2	SB 1844 Gaetz (Compare H 1255, S 1696)	Career and Professional Academies; Revises provisions relating to the Florida Career and Professional Education Act. Replaces references to local workforce boards with regional workforce boards. Requires that economic development agencies collaborate with each district school board, regional workforce boards, and postsecondary institutions to develop a strategic 5-year plan that addresses local and regional workforce demands. Requires that the strategic plan include access to courses offered through virtual education providers and a review of career and professional academy course, etc. ED 03/23/2011 Fav/CS BC	Fav/CS Yeas 3 Nays 0

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3	SB 1124 Montford (Similar H 109)	Public School Buses; Provides for district school board policies that authorize commercial advertisements on school buses. Provides policy requirements relating to reimbursement to the school district, prohibited advertisements, and signage and equipment standards. Requires a school bus to be withdrawn from use under certain circumstances. Provides school district indemnification from liability. Provides for the remittance and allocation of revenue. ED 03/23/2011 Fav/CS TR BC	Fav/CS Yeas 3 Nays 0
4	SB 1822 Benacquisto (Similar H 1331)	School Choice; Revises legislative intent and eligibility requirements for participation in the Opportunity Scholarship Program. Deletes provisions that authorize an opportunity scholarship for attendance at a private school. Requires that an opportunity scholarship remain in force until the student graduates from high school. Revises school district obligations and deletes provisions relating to private schools to conform to changes made by the act. Deletes an obsolete provision relating to the John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program, etc. ED 03/23/2011 Favorable BC	Favorable Yeas 2 Nays 1